From the Formation Team - April 2021





The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: Seeking God's Justice in a (not yet) Post-pandemic World

Who are those most in need in our broken world? How can Christians today learn to hear and to respond to the need for justice for all God's people? Find out how to learn more and attend the webinar on 21st April www.thetablet.co.uk/events

"We want to reveal the tenderness of God as we seek to respond to the cries of those on the margins and the Earth". Vision Statement: General Chapter 2019

April 23 is the birthday of William Shakespeare



"The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes: 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes The throned monarch better than his crown; His sceptre shows the force of temporal power, The attribute to awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;

But mercy is above this sceptred sway; It is enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute to God himself; And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice"

(The Merchant of Venice)



Three books suggested to help with our Encounter:



- Into the Silent Land
- the practice of contemplation A Sunlit Absence
 - silence, awareness and contemplation
- An Ocean of Light – contemplation, transformation and liberation



All books by Martin Laird OSA

"I am the light of the world whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life". John 8:12

> "Our mission is to know and love God, to make God known and loved to proclaim that Jesus Christ has come in order that all may have life" Const.7





Friendship with Jesus is the current topic on Daily Meditation by Richard Rohr.

This can be found on <u>@cac.org</u>/daily meditation (Centre for Action and Contemplation)

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations:

Our theme this year is A Time of Unveiling.

We live in a period of great uncertainty and disorder. Even so, it is a time of great opportunity—to awaken to deeper transformation, love, and hope. Amid the widespread need for healing, reality offers us an invitation to depth, to discover what is lasting and what matters. You will receive an emailed meditation *every day* of the week, including the Weekly Summary on Saturday. Each week builds on previous topics but you can join at any time.



Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this month's Formation pages.

...for Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his, To the Father through the features of men's faces. - GM Hopkins

